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Subject: 2012 Federal Poverty Income Limits (FPIL)

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- Family Services: <http://ofs.hhsc.state.tx.us/mepd/mepd-bulletins.aspx>
- MEPD Handbook: <http://www.dads.state.tx.us/handbooks/mepd/>

The updated Appendix 31, Budget Reference Chart, reflecting the new FPIL amounts effective March 1, 2012, will be added to the OFS Website.

Background

This bulletin provides information on the following new 2012 amounts:

- FPIL for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB), Qualifying Individuals (QI-1), and Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals (QDWI)
- Dependent allowance amount for spousal impoverishment

QMB Income Limits

The new income limits for QMB cases with a medical effective date (MED) on or after March 1, 2012:

- Individual: \$931.00 (+ \$20 disregard) = \$951.00
- Couple: \$1,261.00 (+ \$20 disregard) = \$1,281.00

The QMB deeming figure is \$330.00. The resource limits for the QMB program are \$6,940 for an individual and \$10,410 for a couple.

SLMB Income Limits

The new income limits for SLMB cases with an MED on or after March 1, 2012:

- Individual: \$1,117.00 (+ \$20 disregard) = \$1,137.00
- Couple: \$1,513.00 (+ \$20 disregard) = \$1,533.00

The SLMB deeming figure is \$396.00. The resource limits for the SLMB program are \$6,940 for an individual and \$10,410 for a couple.

QI-1 Income Limits

The new QI-1 income limits, effective March 1, 2012, are:

- Individual: \$1,257.00 (+ \$20 Disregard) = \$1,277.00
- Couple: \$1,703.00 (+ \$20 Disregard) = \$1,723.00

The QI-1 deeming figure is \$446.00. The resource limits for the QI-1 program are \$6,940 for an individual and \$10,410 for a couple.

QDWI Income Limits

The new income limits for QDWI cases with an MED on or after March 1, 2012:

- Individual: \$1,862.00 (+ \$20 disregard) = \$1,882.00
- Couple: \$2,522.00 (+ \$20 disregard) = \$2,542.00

The QDWI deeming figure is \$660.00. Resource limits for the QDWI program do not change. They remain at \$4,000 for an individual and \$6,000 for a couple.

Dependent Allowance Amount

Effective March 1, 2012, the dependent allowance for spousal impoverishment applied income calculations is \$1,839.00.

Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System (TIERS)

Beginning February 6, 2012, TIERS will use the new income FPIL for coverage effective March 1, 2012.

Effective Date

The new 2012 FPIL are effective March 1, 2012. Use the updated FPIL beginning February 6, 2012 for any eligibility determination effective March 1, 2012 or later.

If you or your staff have questions about the contents of this bulletin, please have the regional designated person contact Carrie Morales at carrie.morales@hhsc.state.tx.us or (512) 206-4617.